

Self-Guided Grounds Quest-Elementary

The following pages contain the South Grounds Quest and North Grounds Quest. The Grounds Quest is an **optional self-guided** activity in addition to guided tours that have been scheduled at the Visitors Center and/or inside the Capitol. Make additional copies as needed in advance of your visit to the Capitol Complex.

Before beginning the Grounds Quest, make sure that all teachers, chaperones and parents know the start times and location of their Capitol Tour and/or Visitors Center Tours. **Arrange in advance where to meet in order to regroup prior to the start of those scheduled tours. Both the Capitol & Visitors Center Tours will begin at the scheduled times.**

For groups with at least 30 minutes of waiting time *prior* to check in for their Capitol Tour, use the South Grounds Quest. For groups with at least 30 minutes of open time *after* their Capitol Tour use the North Grounds Quest.

South Grounds Quest Answers

1. Accept all appropriate answers.
2. Use pedal on base to turn on fountain, drink from drip at center
3. 1836
4. Surviving comrades
5. 7 people, 5 animals
6. Accept all appropriate answers
7. Eugene T. Deats, Sr.
8. Texas is "native home" of the cowboy
9. 36th Infantry, Texas National Guard
10. Cuba; U.S.A.; Philippine Islands [sic]; Porto Rico [sic]

North Grounds Quests Answers

1. Fraternal Order of Eagles of Texas
2. Accept all appropriate answers
3. Texas Pioneer Women
4. A wreath
5. A torch
6. Pearl Harbor Survivors of Texas
7. World War I
8. An eagle
9. A star with Texas written around it
10. Bravery; Honor; Dedication; Service

North Grounds Quest

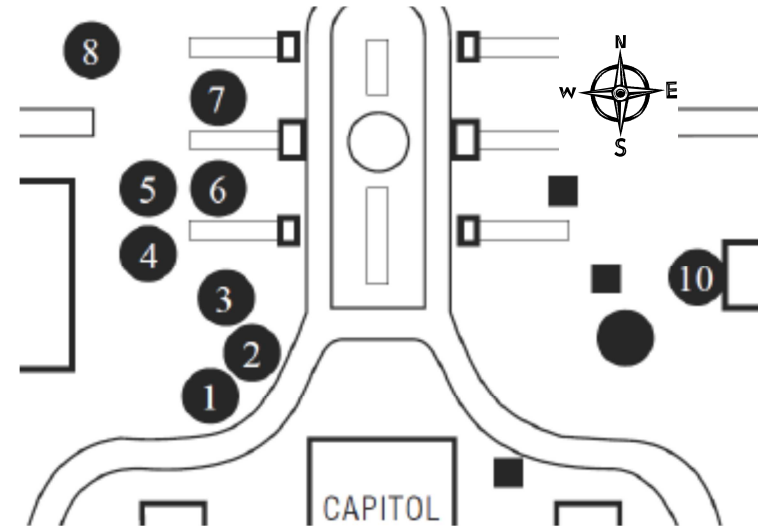
Directions: Use the map to explore the Capitol Grounds. Answer the question for each location by looking at each item.

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- 1) This red granite monument lists the Ten Commandments. It was placed on the grounds in 1961. What group presented the monument? _____
- 2) This is a tribute to Texas children. The figures represent the many school children who visit the Capitol on field trips. What are some things kids can do and see at the Capitol?

- 3) The Daughters of the Republic of Texas presented this monument of a woman holding her baby. Who does the monument honor? _____
- 4) This is a replica of Texas' contribution to the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. It is a granite pillar with Texas written on the base. What is the item placed on the pillar?

- 5) The Boy Scouts of American presented this small version of the Statue of Liberty to the State of Texas. The statue is similar to the Goddess of Liberty, who holds a star in her hand and sits atop the Capitol. What does the Statue of Liberty hold in her hand? _____
- 6) On December 7, 1941, the Japanese military bombed a U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. This monument honors the Texans who were there on that day. What group presented this monument? _____



- 7) The Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars presented this monument in 1961. The monument is in memory of the veterans of what war?

- 8) This star-shaped red granite monument lists the names of the 1723 Texans killed or missing-in-action during the Korean War. What figure sits atop the monument?

- 9) The open-air rotunda is the same diameter as the rotunda in the Capitol. What is on the floor at the center of this rotunda? _____
- 10) The Peace Officers Memorial is a tribute to the law enforcement personnel whose lives were lost in the line of duty. What four words are engraved on the base of the monument? _____

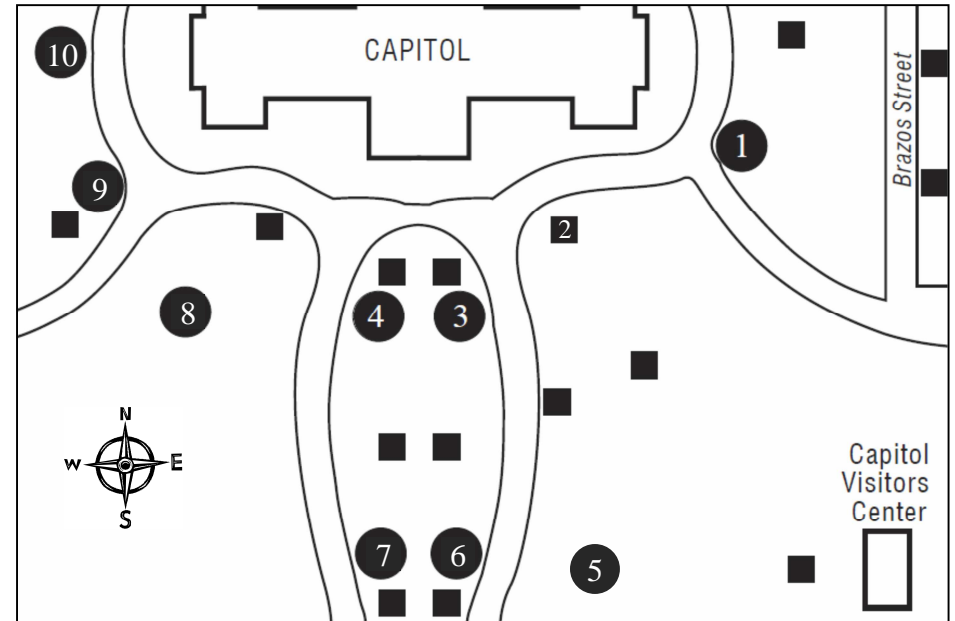
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- 1) There are three monuments on the grounds that show Texas' role in the Civil War. This is a memorial to the members of John Hood's Texas Brigade. Some of the battles they fought in are listed on the base. What is the name of one of those battles? _____
- 2) A well completed in 1889 provided water to the Capitol and to a cast-iron fountain placed in this location. In the past, there was a metal cup hanging from a chain for people to use to get a drink. Today, how can you get water from the fountain?

- 3) The first monument placed on the Great Walk is the Heroes of the Alamo. What year did the battle of the Alamo take place? _____
- 4) This monument honors Terry's Texas Rangers, also known as the Eighth Texas Cavalry, who fought in several battles during the Civil War. Who built this monument? _____
- 5) This recent monument on the Capitol Grounds pays tribute to Tejanos, the early Spanish and Mexican pioneers who settled Texas. How many people and how many animals are depicted on the monument? _____
- 6) This monument honors Texas' Civil War veterans. It includes four statues representing the infantry, artillery, cavalry and navy. What are some items the statues of soldiers are carrying?



- 7) This monument is dedicated to Texas' volunteer firemen. It lists the names of Texans who have lost their lives fighting fires. Who is the first person listed? _____
- 8) Constance Whitney Warren, from New York, created this life-size figure of a cowboy on horseback. Why was the monument given as a gift to Texas? _____
- 9) This monument is in the shape of a "T-Patch," an arrowhead with a T in the middle. What National Guard division does the monument honor? _____
- 10) The bronze statue on a red granite base, called "the Hiker," is a tribute to the veterans of the Spanish American war. What countries are listed on the plaque on the base of the monument?
